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Bard at Work



Kenneth Billington / Montana Kaimin

Abbey Siegworth, portraying the character Helena, reacts to Tonya Andrew's recently widowed Countness in Tuesday's Oval performance of Shakespeare's "All's Well That Ends Well," part of the summer 2008 tour of Montana Shakespeare in the Parks.

ASUM to weigh in on six-mill bill

Allison Maier
MONTANA KAIMIN

The ASUM senate is pushing to inform students about the six-mill levy, a referendum that could give the University of Montana \$13 million a year through a property tax that applies to the entire state.

The levy has shown up on Montana ballots every 10 years since 1948 and has always passed. The money raised from the levy is divided among the eleven universities in Montana.

Tyler Trevor, associate commissioner of higher education, said the amount of money raised

varies each year, but UM receives a third of these funds.

At their first meeting of the year, the ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee passed a resolution stating that the ASUM senate will formally endorse the six-mill levy. The resolution will be taken to the entire ASUM senate Wednesday

night for a vote.

Hunter authored the six-mill levy resolution. It states that "ASUM supports, endorses and urges University of Montana students to vote 'Yes' on LR-118: The Six Mill Levy."

Hunter said he hopes ASUM's support will get students' See LEVY, page 4

Scenes from St. Paul

Allie Harrison
FOR THE KAIMIN



Editor's note: Allie Harrison is a former president of the UM College Republicans and former ASUM senator. She is volunteering at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn., working as an aide for CNN. This week, she will offer daily behind-the-scenes glimpses of the convention.

Every minute of the Republican National Convention is scripted, right down to the time it takes someone to walk across the stage.

Washington Center director Eugene Alpert says, "It's like

A UM student's thoughts from the Republican National Convention



Disneyland for political junkies." While I'm not a personal fan of Disneyland, I do agree that a convention is a wonderland. There's a lot of glitz at first glance, but the real show is behind the scenes.

Through the Washington Center, a nonprofit organization that provides students opportunities to work in and around politics, I was appointed by UM President George Dennison and have gotten a backstage pass to witness what really happens at the RNC.

After one day, the convention has already been quite a ride.

But one thing irks me. I've discovered a new type of person

here. I refer to them as VSIPs: Very Self-Important People. How does one spot a VSIP? Likely, they're wearing sunglasses inside poorly lit buildings. As my supervisor says, "The sun shines on them all the time. They're cool." And they're everywhere, politicians and media personalities alike.

But I've also seen another side here. At a media party on Saturday, I ran into former Sen. Conrad Burns. After seeing Montana Republican Party Chairman Erik Iverson and Steve Daines, candidate for lieutenant governor, I felt at home again.

Most people from other states don't have personal relationships with their representatives. They

can't. This revelation has given me a newfound appreciation for Montana, especially among VSIPs.

I'm doing fieldwork this week with CNN, distributing credentials to CNN staffers so they have access to the convention site and to certain parts of the convention center. There's a huge perimeter surrounding the area aligned with security checkpoints.

Not to say that everyone at this convention is a VSIP. Willie Lora, an Emmy Award-winning CNN photojournalist and the bureau chief and executive producer of CNN en Espanol, let me take pictures and is showing me the ropes of photojournalism. He let

me sit in on shoots and taught me the editing process. I'm learning from the best in the business, because he's taking the time to teach me. That's a real VIP.

My experience so far has reminded me that character matters most. Everything else is just a facade. That's what it means to be behind the scenes at a national political convention. What you see on TV tells you nothing about what's actually happening. It's watching the personalities and backdoor deals at work before the convention ever happens that matters. It's the behind-the-scenes gearshifts that let viewers enjoy the rides from home.

TODAY ON CAMPUS

- Study Abroad Fair
10 a.m.-2 p.m., UC Atrium
- Ecology Seminar Series
4:10 p.m., UC Theater

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FORECAST



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Editorial

UM policy all wet; students left out to dry

As chilling temperatures encourage Missoula's annual summer transient population to leave in search of warmer climes, a new homeless population has set up camp in TV lounges, study rooms and various other locations throughout the University of Montana residence halls.

They are the 148 students who started this semester without permanent dorm rooms and now live in "interim, on-campus housing," meaning any available space Residence Life can squeeze them into.

At least every fall semester since 2005, my freshman year at UM, there has been a dorm overflow problem. Last year Residence Life estimated that approximately 40 to 45 students began the semester displaced; the year before, 60.

As stated by the Freshman Residency Requirement, students with less than 30 semester credits are required to live in the residence halls. Some exceptions are granted for students who live with parents, are married or are single parents and for others in special circumstances. To be guaranteed a permanent housing assignment, students must turn in their housing applications by March 1. But unlike other universities that will turn students away when capacity is met, UM does not.

According to Residence Life Director Ron Brunell, this gives every student who wants it a chance to experience the dorm life. But for the students living four, five or six to a study lounge, their possessions piled in storage or wedged into boxes, this ain't it.

Though Residence Life hopes to place these students in permanent housing by Sept. 15, two weeks is too long for these living arrangements. The current plan requiring freshmen to live in the dorms and accepting an infinite number of applications from other students isn't working.

I agree that dorm life is essential to the college experience. It's where social connections and friendships are forged. Sharing a space with another person — a first for many of our generation — teaches patience, tolerance and adaptability. But maybe it should be an optional experience so that the students who really want to live there can, instead of those who may be currently occupying rooms they didn't want in the first place.

A more palatable option for the administration may be to follow the lead of University of Massachusetts-Lowell and the University of Tennessee, which both put their overbooked students up at area hotels this week. Students slept two to a room, where they had both privacy and a little elbowroom, and the universities provided shuttle service to and from campus at regular intervals. Though the students paid higher rates to stay at the hotel per day than they would have if they were living on campus, they were refunded the hotel charges once their semester housing costs were calculated.

Sure, this would cost UM a little more money. But it's cheaper than building new dorms, or losing students who may become fed up with the University's buffet policy of taking all the students it can get, even if it has no room for them.

— Lauren Russell, news editor,
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Assaulted ped grateful for support

Thanks, Kaimin, for allowing me to use a letter to the editor to express my gratitude to the several people who stopped to help me Thursday, Aug. 28, after I was struck by a bicycle while walking on the Oval early in the noon hour.

Fellow pedestrians and a bicyclist got me back to my feet, untangled me from my backpack and picked my glasses and cap up from the ground. They also described for me what I had not seen—a cyclist, who swiftly regained control

Tenenbaum wrong about money

After reading the Aug. 28 edition of the Kaimin, I was struck by Alex Tenenbaum's opinion article on the difficulty of paying for a college education and his own lack of accountability.

Alexander — 26 resumes later and the best offer is \$7.00 an hour? Someone in high school can make anywhere between \$6.55 and \$14.00 an hour working in a restaurant, and that's not including tips. Of those 26 jobs, I'd be interested in how many were in retail. Those jobs don't pay very well. Something else to consider: Minimum wage is not intended for supporting a large family or paying for an education. It is the mini-



of his bike, glanced back at the situation, then continued on his way (and on with his phone call).

Special thanks to Glenn and Karen; they walked me to my destination (the Adams Center) to be sure I wasn't physically hurt. They graciously listened as I tentatively described some of the psychological damage. I felt as if the hit-and-

mum wage because these are the jobs that are easily filled by people with no education, no ambition or who are uninformed about some of the better jobs that exist. Maybe you should look for a job that pays well, not just one that you like.

Also, nowhere in your article did you mention scholarships. If you applied yourself in high school, perhaps you might have gotten a free ride or sought out scholarships to help alleviate some of the financial burden.

Here is some advice you should take: You need to take accountability for your own actions (or inactions). If you can't afford college, or your family can't afford sending you to college (even with financial

run bicyclist had determined I was too old to be on campus, and that I was not worthy of his concern.

I also appreciate UM's institutional response: Less than two hours after the incident, Jim Lemcke, director of the Office of Public Safety, phoned me at my home. Kyra Cardella in Main Hall expressed the administration's concern and understanding.

A new school year has begun. Perhaps we need to renew our skills in getting around—and getting along—when on campus.

— John Fletcher, Missoula

aid and scholarships), don't go. You can still look into some scholarships here at the University of Montana. Also, look for some internships that are available to people with your experience or related to your major. This way you can get a decent job after graduation or possibly during your education. At the Lommasson Center you can find some nice internship services.

If nothing else, you can always walk over to the Schreiber Gym and shout, "I NEED A JOB!" I hear they are always hiring over there.

— Bram O'Dell, junior,
education and political science

U-Wire GRE just one of many indicators of intellect

Jesse Cordes Selbin
DAILY TEXAN

When I sat down to take the GRE last week, my heart beat out a flurried rhythm that would have made a metronome proud. I always get nervous before tests, whether I'm taking a statistics final or getting a strep test. But the GRE represents more than just your average minorly-painful-yet-ultimately-endurable exam. Although some universities are de-emphasizing their reliance upon the test, the GRE is still as relevant as its dreaded partner in crime, the SAT. If you'd like to follow the traditional scholastically based and socially-sanctioned path to success in life, you must do well.

So in the interest of attending a good graduate program in English or next year, I spent the summer prepping for the test. While my friends swam away the summer months at Barton Springs, I dove headlong into math review workbooks. I looked past my mile-long summer reading list in favor of poring over my new Bible, the Princeton Review. And when I took the GRE last week at the University of Texas' Measurement

and Evaluations Center, I ended up getting a respectable score. It was by no means perfect but by all means perfectly decent.

But as I scrolled through the insufferable scientific articles and took stabs at algebraic principles far beyond my normal level of mathematic usage, my emotions went from worried anticipation to unmitigated ire. Despite its onslaught of difficult computation questions and esoteric vocabulary words, the GRE and other tests of its ilk cannot really make accurate conclusions about your overall mathematic or verbal competency. They measure how well you can memorize theorems of ETS' choice, how well you know the vocabulary words ETS considers important and how exactly you match an essay to the one ETS would write. They test your ability to take their test.

Unfortunately, it is likely that the same individual could rise to the top or sink to the bottom of the heap with any given test. Thanks to the recently initiated Computer-Adaptive Testing (CAT) and the constant influx of new test questions, the system shunts you toward harder or easier questions

based on your progress during the test, with the result that no one takes the same test. Missing a few questions near the beginning of the test will give you a comparable overall score to missing a dozen or more later on. This process ignores the fact that someone with a strong vocabulary may not know a certain word, or that someone whose mathematic skills are legendary could slip up on a calculation.

Admissions officers may find it necessary to most efficiently analyze the abilities of prospective students. But such comprehensive national tests have only been widely used since our parents' generation. Countless generations of students were evaluated by measures other than a single testing company's conception of intelligence. It's a question of perspective. Admissions counselors should acknowledge that a student's score on the GRE means something, not everything.

The GRE requires students to demonstrate the knowledge gained from an entire undergraduate career and consolidate it into one afternoon's exam. Ultimately, test scores should be taken with a grain of salt.

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LEVY

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attention.

"It's more a call to action than just an endorsement," he said.

ASUM senator Andrew Dusek, chair of the Relations and Affairs committee, said it's important to get as much student support for the levy as possible.

"With ASUM standing firmly behind it, I think students can see our commitment to them," he said. "I hope they will, in turn, support it as well."

On Sept. 10, ASUM will hold a rally in the oval at noon to provide students with information about the six-mill levy. Sheila Stearns, commissioner of higher education and former congressman Pat Williams are scheduled to speak at the event.

While the levy has never failed in the past, UM Vice President Jim Foley said that increased voter turnout this presidential election year provides the university with less assurance that the levy will pass.

"We earnestly support it," he said, "and we hope it will pass. But there are no guarantees in any election."

State representative Scott Sales voted to put the levy back on the ballot, as it has been every 10 years. He also wrote a rebuttal argument in opposition of the six-mill levy because it's important for people to have information on both sides, he said.

While Sales said he is not necessarily opposed to the levy, he does think that universities could spend the money they receive in different ways.

"I think the university system is trying to do too much in terms of

what its scope is," he said.

Universities are focusing less on students and more on obtaining research scholars, he said. He would prefer a system in which universities take the money they receive from the six-mill levy to create grants for students who meet certain qualifications so they can attend the Montana school of their choice.

ASUM senator Svein Newman stresses that if the levy doesn't pass, there will be a "massive shortfall" of money for the university.

"It's overwhelmingly necessary that this passes," he said.

Trevor said that if the levy is rejected, it is quite possible tuition could increase for students. But he is confident it will pass.

"There's no doubt in my mind that the people of Montana support higher education," he said.

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Biodiesel bus ends its tour in Missoula

Jeff Osteen
MONTANA KAIMIN

With the smell of fried corn oil wafting from its tailpipe, the bus that carried four people on a 12-week renewable energy tour pulled up to its final stop for the summer at Missoula's PEDal Fest in Caras Park on Saturday.

With biodiesel coursing through its gas lines, the modified school bus logged more than 7,000 miles while stopping at 60-plus events throughout the west as part of a Homegrown Prosperity Renewable Energy Tour. The tour, sponsored by the Western Organization of Resource Councils, presented solutions for reducing greenhouse gases and pollution and promoting good-paying jobs and income for

rural communities.

Laura Becerra and Derek Kanwischer, graduate students in the University of Montana environmental studies program, participated in the seven-state tour.

Becerra said part of what the team promoted was how to build more efficiently and less costly. Making use of south-facing windows and better insulation, for example, are two ways to cut down on energy use.

"We had a really great reception everywhere we went," Becerra said.

Becerra said the tour was a chance to teach, as well as learn from others along the way.

She said they discovered the Miles City Community College is starting a biodiesel degree program and is working on a model to teach local farmers and ranchers how farm-scale biofuels can promote economic development.

Biodiesel isn't as readily available as petrol diesel, and since the team was buying commercially, much of the fuel had to be lined up ahead of time, Becerra said.

They purchased fuel from a co-op in Livingston, as well as in Denver.

"A lot of times it was word of mouth," she said, referring to where they found biodiesel.

Kanwischer said the tour is over for the summer. Now is a period of analysis as the team and their sponsors examine the feedback and try to determine what would make the tour more effective.

"People enjoyed having us there and we enjoyed being there," Kanwischer said.





He said it was a good feeling to finally be able to show their family, friends and coworkers what they've been doing all summer.

"It's a fun way to end the tour," he said.

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 Co-Rec Ultimate Frisbee Manager's Meeting 7:00pm Sept. 10 in the Fitness and Recreation Center. \$30 forfeit fee.	 Co-Rec Team Tennis Manager's Meeting 7:30pm Sept. 10 in the Fitness and Rec. Center. \$15 entry fee & \$30 forfeit fee.

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Team captains announced for Griz football

Charles Pulliam

MONTANA KAIMIN

Days away from playing their first football game of the season, the Montana Grizzlies announced its team captains for the 2008 season.

Seniors Mike Ferriter, Colt Anderson and Tom Martin were voted by their teammates as this season's captains following fall camp.

"It's just a huge honor and I'm really excited to take on the challenge of what being a captain is," Ferriter said.

He will serve as the team's offensive captain. The wide receiver from Helena is ranked 23rd in school history with 1,269 career receiving yards. Ferriter was also the Grizzlies' leading receiver last season, notching at least one catch in each game.

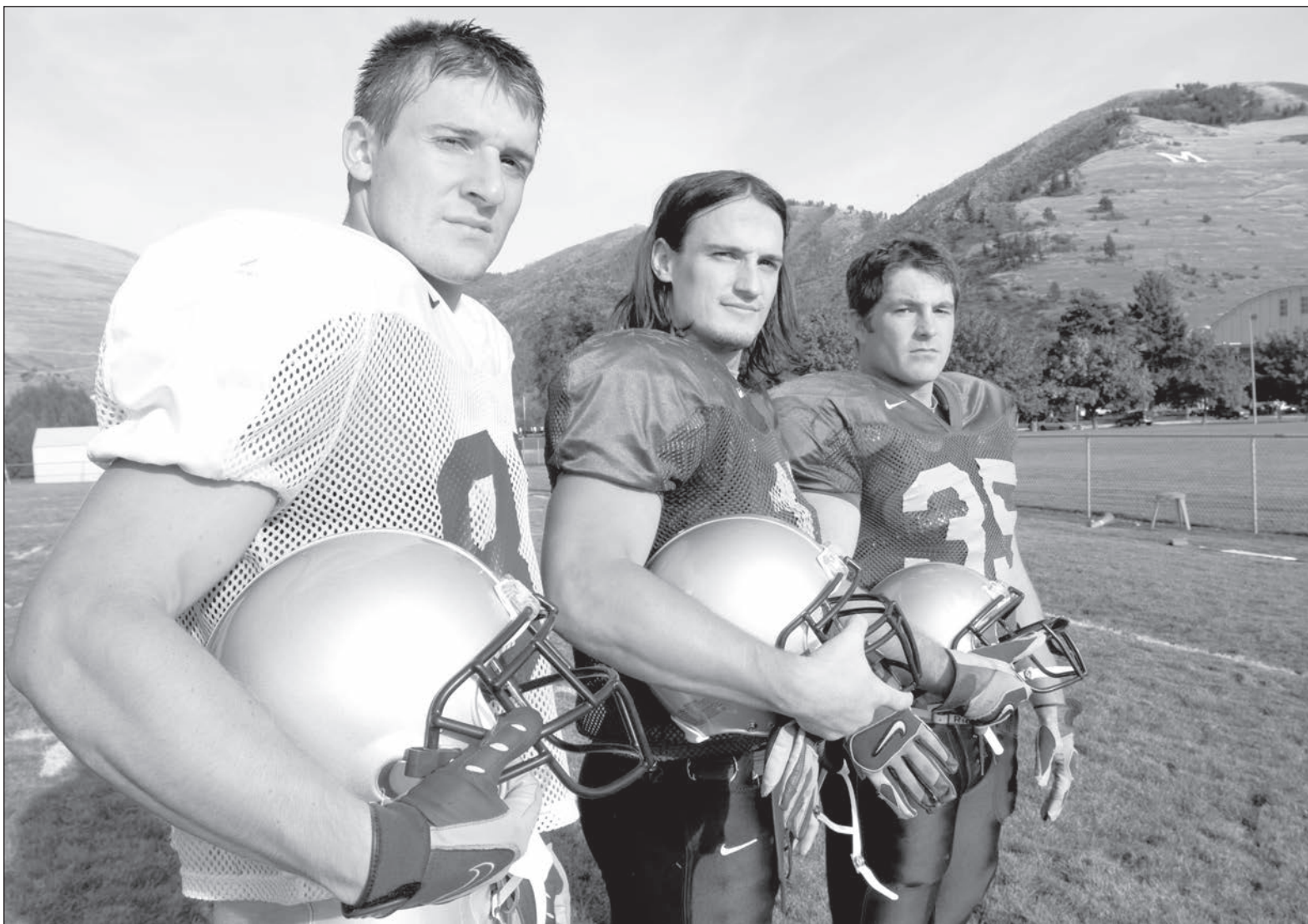
Anderson, a safety from Butte, was named defensive captain. He said the selection was a nice reward for the often-silent leadership qualities he displays on and off the field.

"I've always been one of those guys that have to lead by example and for my teammates to see that, it's just an honor," Anderson said.

Anderson is a two-time All-Big Sky Conference selection and was also named to the Buck Buchanan Award watch list.

Martin will captain the special teams. The linebacker from Columbus is a three-year letterman with 35 career games under his belt.

Martin has seen limited playing time in each of his three seasons



Kenneth Billington / Montana Kaimin

The Montana Grizzlies selected their three team football captains for the 2008 season. From left: Mike Ferriter, the offensive captain; Colt Anderson, the defensive captain; and Tom Martin, the special teams captain.

with the Griz, but he said it was an honor to be recognized as a team leader in his final season.

"We had fun preparing, worked hard and are just ready to go," he said.

Head Coach Bobby Hauck said

the team's selections haven't ever caught him off guard until this season, referring to the selection of Martin.

"(Tom) will do a good job," he said. "It speaks for who Tom is. He is a role player on a football

team."

The three senior captains will lead the Griz on the field for the season's first game Saturday at Cal Poly.

"It's the last opportunity we're going to have, probably for most

of us, ever to play football," Ferriter said of this season. "And as a senior, you just gotta go out there and leave it all out there and make the most of the season."

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Men's basketball undefeated in Battle of the Border

Roman Stubbs

MONTANA KAIMIN

The tender Montana men's basketball squad added some seasoning this past weekend in preseason play, going 4-0 in the Battle of the Border Tournament in Calgary.

The Grizzlies played four games in three days, showing early season fireworks after averaging over 80 points per game over the weekend. Montana opens their season Nov. 14 at Colorado State.

"It was a great opportunity for our guys this early in the year to

go and compete against some other teams and try to establish some things," said head coach Wayne Tinkle. "And one was how hard we were going to play, how selfless we were going to play, and also to develop some chemistry. I felt we did those three things."

Those attributes surfaced in Montana's box scores this weekend up north. In their opening game against the University of Calgary, Montana shot just 34 percent in the first half, but imposed their will on the glass with a 43-24 advantage,

propelling them to a 72-62 win. The selfless play was particularly evident in the scoring balance displayed, most notably in the final game on Monday, when Jordan Hasquet scored 19. Jack McGillis and Brian Qvale had 13 apiece and Kyle Sharp scored 11, as Montana rolled over Calgary again 76-69. The Grizzlies showed chemistry and outlandish offensive potency by blowing away the University of Alberta by 30 and the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology by 60 on Sunday.

Tinkle said he was pleased with his team's effort, including the strides they made defensively. His team held the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology to 34 points on Sunday, and although Calgary's Henry Bickering torched them for 31 points on Saturday night, the Grizzlies held the former McDonald's All-American to just 3-15 shooting in their second meeting on Monday. While Montana returns just five experienced players from a year ago, they do return the senior core of Jordan Hasquet,

Kyle Sharp and Ceylon Elgin Taylor, as well as Oregon State transfer Jack McGillis. Hasquet and McGillis are former Missoula prep standouts, and could be one of the conference's best tandems this year.

"Our guys played very unselfish," Tinkle said. "This is going to be a versatile team, and it's going to go a long way because teams aren't going to be able to scout us necessarily because we have so

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SPORTS

By Whitney Bermes

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When Griz football gets underway, most fans will only be able to look up at Majestic Plaza in awe.

Most fans won't be able to enjoy the Hellgate Terrace and its beautiful views. Most fans won't be able to enjoy the Canyon Club's indoor cushioned seats. And most fans won't be able to enjoy a beer during the game.

Washington-Grizzly Stadium doesn't allow alcohol within the premises. But there are a few key exceptions, including the new

Canyon Club and private boxes.

Whether or not alcohol is sold at NCAA schools is on a school-to-school basis. Montana opts not to, said UM Athletics Director Jim O'Day. Liability and security issues that come along with 25,000 fans having access to alcohol are too lofty to even think about that possibility, O'Day said.

The Canyon Room is part of the stadium's newest expansion, Majestic Plaza. It allows fans paying \$1,500 per seat per season an

indoor seating area and access to a private bar within the club. Alcohol will be served until the end of halftime, O'Day said.

Prior to the Canyon Room, only owners and patrons of private boxes, which cost from \$12,500 to \$16,500 a season, were allowed to consume alcohol within the stadium.

The Canyon Room and private boxes were built with private money, therefore subjecting them to different rules and regulations,

O'Day said. This allowed them to slip past the no-alcohol rule.

But average Griz fans can't shell out thousands of dollars for a single season's tickets. With these standards, it leaves only the wealthiest of fans able to drink alcohol within the stadium.

Regardless of whether UM Athletics is trying to or not, they look like servants to the wealthy, bending rules for those able to pay more. Shouldn't the best seats in the stadium be enough? Shouldn't access

to a beautiful terrace be enough? Shouldn't private bathrooms and food facilities be enough?

And while all fans have the opportunity to drink prior to kickoff at tailgates, they have to be lucky enough to know someone with a coveted spot.

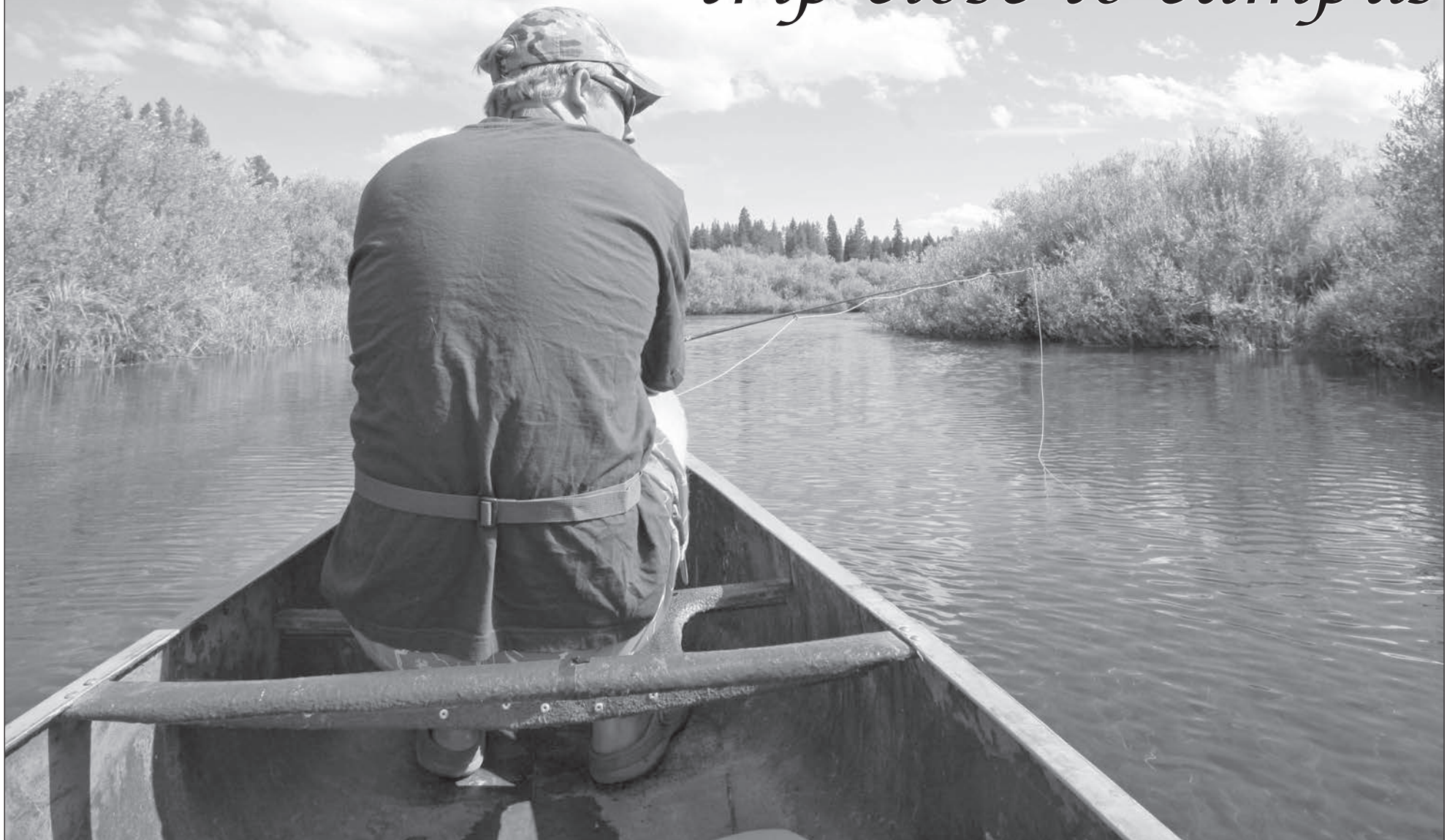
The mixture of fans is what makes Griz games so dynamic, from college freshman experiencing their first game, to seasoned alumni, to wealthy businessmen in their warm boxes.

But each and every one of those fans should be treated the same, regardless of monetary status.

Since O'Day said bringing in beer vendors isn't even an option, it would only be fair to disallow drinking everywhere in the stadium, no exceptions, not even private boxes.

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Clear waters: A wildlife-packed day trip close to campus



Story by: Will Freihofer
Photos by: Caroline McCarty

Tucked between the Bob Marshall and Mission Mountain Wilderness Areas, the Clearwater Canoe Trail offers floaters a wide variety of wildlife viewing and interaction within an hour's drive of campus. The popular canoe trip provides the opportunity to combine fishing, birding, photography, and canoeing with the challenge of finding your way through a tangle of dense willow marsh.

The Clearwater River doesn't seem to have much of an idea where it's headed over the three-and-a-half mile stretch, winding south into Seeley Lake. A leisurely paddling pace will cover the distance in about two hours.

Along the way floaters are likely to come across some combination of warblers, loons, snipes, great blue herons, belted kingfishers, common goldeneyes, trout, muskrats, beavers and turtles, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

Catch and release turtle season lasts year-round in Montana, and one would be pressed to find a better spot to nab a whopper than the Clearwater. Along the banks and lily pads is a healthy population of western painted turtles just waiting to be stalked and chased. Or

admired, if that's more your thing.

The put-in is a decently marked left four miles north of the town of Seeley Lake on Highway 83. Trail-going canoeists or kayakers, after making their way south into the lake, will hug the left bank to reach the take-out at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station.

A walking trail beginning at the

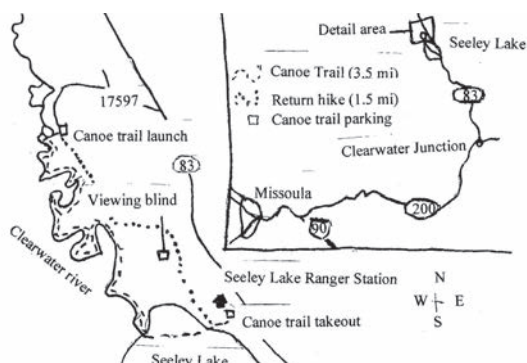


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From Seeley Lake, drive four miles north on Montana 83. Turn west at the Clearwater Canoe Trail sign and proceed a short distance to the put-in. The canoe take-out and start of the return trail are at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station, also a short distance from Montana 83. For more information, call the ranger station at (406) 677-2233.

through the forest and wetlands that include a wildlife blind overlooking the river.

The path provides a convenient alternative to shuttling vehicles at the take-out, making

the Clearwater Canoe Trail one of the only river canoe trips around that only requires the use of one vehicle-- and a great candidate for an easy afternoon trip out of the valley this fall.

Ambitious river-goers will find they can even point themselves back upstream and paddle back to the put-in if walking doesn't suit their fancy.

UM's outdoor program rents canoes to Griz Card holders, probably the best ticket for those looking to fish or bring along a cooler. Kayaks can also be rented in the town of Seeley Lake, providing added maneuverability for side channels and critter chasing.

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Far Above: Tucker Sargent, a geography major, patiently waits for the fish to bite Saturday while canoeing the Clearwater Canoe Trail near Seeley Lake.

Above: Western painted turtles are a common find on the Clearwater Canoe Trail.

Digglers: scooting into town

Amanda Eggert
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Gravity has a new friend: rugged scooters designed for downhill terrain known as Digglers. Braking like mountain bikes, carving like snowboards, while being ridden like scooters, the hybrid vehicles are available for rental at Snowbowl through this weekend.

"They're ideal for going downhill," said Brad Morris, the owner of Snowbowl.

Morris said Snowbowl rents out the 10 Digglers, which feature 20-inch mountain bike-style tires, front and rear disc brakes, front wheel suspension and a skate-

board-like platform to stand on.

Rob Fruechtenicht, the mastermind behind the Diggler, started peddling his wares to ski areas about 10 years ago and the scooters have only gained popularity since, said Nathan Nies, a warehouse manager at Diggler. The fun machines are currently being used at more than 20 ski areas across the west.

"People are posting Diggler videos on YouTube," Nies said. "People have entered several mountain bike contests at ski resorts and they've done really well. It's helped push the image of the Diggler and people are starting to pick up on that."

Kyle Jones, a junior in recreation management at the University of Montana, said the Digglers are pretty straightforward to use, "I think they might be even easier to ride than mountain bikes because you're only two inches off of the ground, so if you think you're going to fall you can just hop off," Jones said. "Anyone can do it. My friend's dad did it and he's a pretty old guy."

Nies said that the standing platform offers some flexibility, which allows riders to lean into turns and carve as if they were on a snowboard. He also noted that Digglers require less effort than mountain bikes. See SCOOTERS, page 7

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many different options."

Montana will test those options on the road early and often in 2008, with a Nov. 23 visit to Duke headlining their non-conference slate.

While Cameron Indoor Stadium certainly is their most prominent test of the year, Tinkle also scheduled a mettle-testing road game at Washington in late December, as well as a three-game swing that same month with consecutive games at Fresno State, UC Riverside and the conference opener at Portland State, the returning conference champs. Tinkle said his hope is that a non-conference gauntlet will battle test his squad for a late-season league push, unlike last year, when the Griz missed the NCAA Tournament after losing several key pivotal conference games down the stretch.

"We wanted to challenge these guys, test them early," he said. "If you have a fragile team, that can backfire sometimes, but I don't see that happening with this team."

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bikes to operate. "There's no pedaling involved, so you can concentrate more on the ride, so to say," Nies said.

Snowbowl has six runs that the Diggler can be ridden down, ranging from under a mile long to over seven miles long. Lift operators can assist with loading and unloading the scooters from the Grizzly Lift.

A Diggle and accompanying lift ticket costs \$17 for an hour-and-a-half "trial run" and \$27 for a full-day rental. The Grizzly Lift will be running from noon until 5 p.m. this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This is the last weekend to enjoy Snowbowl's summer trails — and the Last Run's famous wood-fired pizzas — before the ski area closes for the summer.

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No matter how you look at it, fans are fans. Those able to afford the most expensive seats in the house already receive their money's worth. There's no need to grant their wishes and desires while the rest of Griz Nation is left out to dry.

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Saints to keep marching in Superdome after storm

NEW ORLEANS — The Louisiana Superdome will be ready for some football Sunday, and the Saints say they're looking forward to celebrating the end of a stressful week with their storm-weary fans.

Forced to flee to Indianapolis ahead of Hurricane Gustav, the Saints will be able to open their regular season at home as scheduled against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the team announced Tuesday.

"We will once again showcase to a national audience that the city of New Orleans is made up of resilient people and that we are ready to stand our city back up as quickly as possible," Saints owner Tom Benson said.

The Saints announced Monday night, soon after Gustav had passed over the city, that their hope was to keep their season-opening date as a means to lift the spirits of a fan base that ridden with anxiety that all the rebuilding done in the three years since Hurricane Katrina

could be wiped out.

Gustav, however, weakened and stayed west of New Orleans, sparing the fragile community from catastrophic damage. Louisiana and team officials hoped the dome, a poignant symbol of suffering during Katrina, and a symbol of rebirth after being rebuilt in 2006, would now be a symbol of strength.

New Orleans city councilman Arnie Fielkow said the Saints' impending return "is just tremendously uplifting news, not only for the residents of New Orleans but for residents of the entire gulf coast. ... I would fully anticipate the Superdome is going to be rocking and rolling."

The Superdome was not used as a refuge during Gustav as it was during Katrina. It did not sustain any structural or interior damage and never lost power.

Doug Thornton, vice president of SMG, the company that runs the state-owned Superdome, said that

there had been only minor damage — exterior signs ripped with downed fences and light poles blown over.

Still, Thornton said he had to coordinate with city officials to make sure evacuation orders would be lifted so he could count on the staff of roughly 2,500 people, including police officers on security detail, needed to host an NFL game. "It takes significant resources to run the dome for a Saints game and we are very pleased that our employees, subcontractors and suppliers will all be available when the doors open on Sunday," said Thornton, who spearheaded the ambitious \$200 million, eight-month renovation of the Superdome following Katrina.

Thornton remained in the sta-

dium with a handful of staff during the storm Sunday night and Monday.

A mandatory evacuation had yet to be lifted by New Orleans and several suburban parishes as of Tuesday afternoon, but officials said residents should expect to be allowed home before the end of the week.

Saints officials said they had been working closely with state, local and Superdome officials as they planned their return to be sure the stadium was available, safe and ready to host and staff the game, which is scheduled for noon local time. The team also sought assurances that residents — their fans — would have been allowed to return to their homes before the game.

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Carl Seielstad, assistant professor in the Department of Forest Management, said that because a majority of his students are firefighters, he won't start his wild land fire use class until October.

"The traditional calendar we're on is not very good for students suited in fire," Seielstad said.

The extension has been especially beneficial for students who want to be involved with firefighting as a career, but it can often set them back a couple of weeks trying to catch up, he said.

"Basically, you are firefighting one day, and a day or two later you are in the classroom," Seielstad said. "It's an awkward transition. It's like two different worlds."

Anna Lahde, co-chair of the Student Firefighter Association, a UM club aimed at bringing

together firefighters of all majors, had a similar take.

"It's hard when you have that much physical activity," she said. "Then you get back in the classroom and have to sit and listen."

Recent UM graduate Josh Berg has been fighting forest fires for the past eight seasons and described his first days back on campus as a "culture shock."

It's the same story for Nate Rott, a senior who worked as an engine boss this summer.

"I was so flustered my first day back," he said, "but I was definitely ready to get back."

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Firefighters on UM student Ben Dubbe's fire crew fight the blaze in Siskiyou Complex in northern California this summer. Dubbe and other student firefighters have an optional three-week extension that allows them to catch up in their classes without being dropped during the first few weeks of the semester.



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